GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1883
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ILLEGAL SALE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that large quantity ofexplosive materials produced in the country have been sold illegally and in turn misused for producing country bombs and other types of explosives;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the cases filed and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have been monitoring this illegal sale; and

(d) if so, the action taken against such licensee and management during the last three years, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (Dr. Raman Singh)

(a) to (d): Under Explosives Act, 1884 and Explosives Rules, 1983 no person shall manufacture, possess, sell and use explosives except under and in accordance with appropriate licences granted by the competent authority. It is also obligatory under Explosives Rules, 1983 for all licensed manufacturers and explosives dealers to sell explosives to only valid licence holders and to maintain proper accounts and file monthly returns before the Department of Explosives. Compliance is monitored by way of scrutiny and verification of monthly returns filed by the manufacturers, sellers and other users of explosives about the transaction of explosives. Whenever any discrepancy or irregularity is noted in the monthly returns filed by any manufacturer/user of explosives, action is taken by the Department of Explosives to suspense/cancel the licence. In addition to this, inspections of licensed premises are carried out by the officers of Department of Explosives regularly. Under Explosives Rules, 1983 other authorities like District Magistrate, Commissioner of Police, Police Officers ;not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police and officers of Directorate General of Mines Safety are also empowered to carry out inspections of licensed premises. Number of licences cancelled and suspended by the Department of Explosives during the last three years, State wise are as under: No, Sir.As per the rule 113 of the Explosives Rules, 1983, no person shall possess, sale or use any explosives except under and in accordance with a licence granted under these rules. It is obligatory under the Explosives Act, 1884 and Explosives Rules, 1983, framed thereunder that all the licensees (manufacturers/explosive dealers) to supply explosives to the valid licence holders only, granted under the rules, for possession, sale and use of explosives. The Ministry has no information for illegal sale of explosives for misusing, for production country bombs and other types of explosives.

(b) the last three years, State-wise, are as under:-

State	Cancelled	Suspended
Andhra Pradesh	4	23
Assam & Other N.E.	3	Nil
Bihar	22	17
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Delhi	2	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Gujarat	Nil	10
Haryana	22	9
Himachal Pradesh	Nil	1
J & K	Nil	Nil
Karnataka	1	7
Kerala	8	18
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	1	70
Orissa	7	Nil
Punjab	Nil	Nil
Rajasthan	Nil	97
Tamil Nadu	8	51
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	5
West Bengal	7	Nil

Grand Total	85	308